

FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



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"Supporting America's Veterans" Roundtable Discussion

The Department of Veterans Affairs will be hosting a Roundtable Discussion on hiring and helping disabled veterans entitled "Supporting America's Veterans" on **July 20, 2007** from 9:00 AM until noon at the Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room B, 302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis.

The goal of this Roundtable Discussion is to facilitate interactions among Faith-Based and Community Organizations, the Indianapolis VA Regional Office's Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) Division, and the Indianapolis VA Medical Center, to support America's veterans. They hope to offer ideas on how we can work together to provide assistance to veterans in preparing for and obtaining suitable employment. During this discussion, you will learn how the VR&E program assists disabled veterans with returning to civilian employment. In addition, they will present possible opportunities of how you can partner with the VA to serve our nation's veterans.

If you would like to gain a better understanding of what the Indianapolis VA partners, other community organizations, veteran service organizations and the Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives are doing for our wounded service members and local veterans, then mark your calendars and attend this event. Please RSVP by July 16th by sending an email to Gina.Klaus@va.gov or Nichole.Kelsch@va.gov or by leaving a voicemail message at 317-916-3748.

1st Stop Furniture Warehouse & the Helping Others Prosper Economically (H.O.P.E.) Team Furniture Give-Away

On Friday, May 18, Joe Slash (President of the Indianapolis Urban League) and Earl Morgan (Director of Public Safety for the City of Indianapolis) joined together to support the efforts of Mr. & Mrs. Mike Caito, owners of 1st Stop Furniture, and members of the H.O.P.E. Team to distribute over \$10,000 in brand new furniture. The furniture was given to individuals and families who were in transition from homelessness, being formerly incarcerated or unemployed. Twenty-three families came together to receive the generosity extended to them by the owners of 1st Stop Furniture to assist them in furnishing their new home and a new beginning in life. This effort shows how resources, when pulled together effectively benefit people, benefit our community, benefit our families and strengthen the human spirit.

Both Mr. & Mrs. Caito have been involved and associated with various volunteer activities throughout Indianapolis, primarily serving the youth. However, this time they wanted to work with people that could use a boost of inspiration as they begin anew. They asked the H.O.P.E. Team which is a 100% volunteer, collaborative efforts of various not-for-profits, faith-based, and community servicing agencies and organizations to provide them with individuals and families who had recently moved into their residence and were in need of furniture to begin their positive start in life. The H.O.P.E. Team members and their agencies coordinated with the families the receipt, transport, pick-up and delivery of their furniture.

For more information about the H.O.P.E. Team visit www.thehopeteam.com or call 317-822-HOPE. The 1st Stop Furniture Warehouse's website is <http://www.1ststopfurniturewarehouse.com/>



Your Weekend Furniture Store!



Technical and Supervisory Assistance Grant Program The Technical and Supervisory Assistance (TSA) grant program administered by USDA Rural Development provides grants to eligible applicant organizations to conduct programs of technical and supervisory assistance for low-income rural residents to obtain and/or maintain occupancy of adequate housing. The TSA grants help organizations deliver counseling and other services to rural residents in need of safe, affordable housing.

Pre-applications for the grant program must be received by **July 20, 2007**. For more information on the program and grant competition, please visit:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppId=14500&mode=VIEW>

If you have questions regarding this grant opportunity, please contact Nica Mathes by email at nica.mathes@wdc.usda.gov or by phone at 202-205-3656.

The US Airways Education Foundation is accepting applications for its 2007 Community Education Grant Program. Grants will be awarded to educational programs that respond to the special needs of disadvantaged or disabled individuals; teach or enhance social responsibility; facilitate parental and/or community involvement; and enhance academic achievement. The application deadline is **August 1, 2007**.

For eligibility guidelines and more information, visit:

<http://www.usairways.com/awa/content/aboutus/corporategiving/education.aspx>



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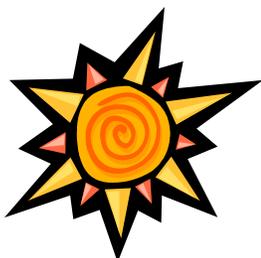


The America's Promise Alliance invites applicants for the 2008 100 Best Communities for Young People Competition. The 100 Best Communities for Young People is an annual competition that recognizes outstanding community-wide efforts that improve the well-being of youth. The 2008 application is now available for download. The deadline to apply is **November 2, 2007** and the applicants are encouraged to start the process

early. To read the guidelines for the 2008 applicants and to see the 2007 winners are, visit

<http://www.americaspromise.org/APAPage.aspx?id=5922>

The Central Indiana Association of Volunteer Administrators (CIAVA) is having a volunteer conference from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM on Friday, August 3, 2007, in Indianapolis at the Adams Mark Hotel. All nonprofits, faith-based entities, rookie and seasoned volunteer administrators in your community are encouraged to attend. Early bird registration is **due July 6th**. The sessions include strategic considerations for volunteer programs; positioning the volunteer profession; and not your same old project management. For more information or to register for this conference, please contact Donna Stutler, 317-856-5201, email Donnas@damar.org



According to TheAntiDrug.com, research shows that teens with unsupervised time are three times more likely to use marijuana or other drugs, as well as engage in risky behaviors. If school sponsored summer programs are unavailable, it is important that parents and guardians provide youth with structured adult supervised activities such as volunteering. To learn more about engaging youth in volunteering during the summer and the benefits it can have, visit <http://www.theantidrug.com/SchoolsOut/volunteerism.asp>

Sagamore Institute for Policy Research

Cordially invites you to an Ideas in Indiana luncheon examining

National and Local Perspectives on

Community- and Faith-Based Programs

Featuring:

The Honorable Jay F. Hein

Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

and

Dr. Amy L. Sherman

Director of Sagamore Institute's Center on Faith in Communities

Community- and faith-based programs play a crucial, albeit often unsung, role in serving Americans in need, a role Jay Hein has highlighted and researched in his work both inside and outside government. Prior to being named director of the White House Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives, Hein served as Sagamore's founding president from 2004-2006. In appointing Hein to lead this important office, President Bush called him "a champion of faith and community-based organizations." And for good reason: As Sagamore's president and, earlier, as director of Civil Society Programs at Hudson Institute, Hein explored the many ways that community- and faith-based groups carry out the work that government is either unable or unwilling to perform. As one of the nation's leading researchers and writers on faith-based interventions, Senior Fellow Amy Sherman worked closely with Hein to create what she has called "the research-and-development arm for faith-based organizations and faith leaders wanting to make a difference in their communities." Under Sherman's leadership, Sagamore's Center on Faith in Communities serves thousands of faith-based leaders through an array of outreach activities, web-based resources and publications. These two policy innovators will offer a unique perspective on how state and federal agencies are collaborating with community- and faith-based groups.

Thursday, July 26, 2007

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Indiana Ballroom E

Indianapolis Marriott Downtown

350 West Maryland Street

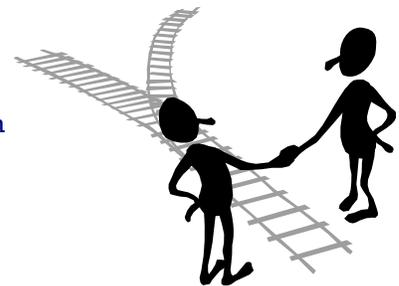
Indianapolis , IN 46225

Please RSVP to Susan Stinn at susan@sipr.org or 317-472-2053 by July 20, 2007 (acceptances only). There will be a charge of **\$35.00** for this event. This luncheon is complimentary for those contributing at the *Patron* level or higher. There will be a \$5.00 discount given to *Friends and Companions* of Sagamore.

Points of Light Foundation and Hands On Network Merger Update:

The respective Boards of Hands on Network and the Points of Light Foundation have met and voted unanimously to enter into the final stages of the merger evaluation process. There is full agreement on the purposes and intentions of the merger and strong understanding of the principles by which the new organization would be governed. Understandably some details regarding fiscal and legal matters remain to be settled before the merger agreement can be completed.

They appreciate the considerable time, energy, and patience from the volunteer center leaders involved in this process. They are excited about the prospects of what a merged organization can do together with the affiliate field and their mutual partners.



This summer send your kid to camp – the one in your own backyard. Create a fun fitness camp experience that your kids will enjoy while getting a great summertime workout. It's easy, accessible and inexpensive. Pick a sport: football, soccer, basketball or running; schedule camp time (most sport camps are two hours); register your kids and their friends; and let the fun begin! For a full camp experience, consider making t-shirts and handing out certificates at the end of camp. Start camp with a warm-up to loosen the muscles, then turn the campers loose in the backyard for drills, practice and scrimmages. Whether your kids are tossing a football, kicking a soccer ball, dribbling a basketball or running laps around the house, the important thing is to keep them active this summer. And you might be surprised at the end of "camp" to see that your child's strength, agility and coordination have improved.

Send your kid off to camp with a healthy breakfast. This tasty morning muffin is full of fiber and flavor and is ideal for a camper on the move.



Apple Cinnamon Bran Muffin

Ingredients

- 1 1/4 cups bran flakes cereal
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 tbsp. baking powder
- 1 1/4 cups apple juice
- 1/4 cup margarine, melted
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 apple — peeled, cored and chopped

Directions:

- ✦ Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Spray muffin tins with fat free cooking spray.
- ✦ Combine bran flakes, flour, brown sugar, cinnamon and baking powder in a large mixing bowl. Stir in apple juice, margarine, vanilla, and apple. Spoon the mixture into the greased muffin tins.

Bake for 25 to 30 minutes.

Nutrition information (per serving): 134 calories, 4 g fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 160 mg sodium, 23.6 g carbohydrates, 1.3 g fiber, 1.7 g protein

Whether you sign-up for camp at home, or participate in one of the many camps throughout the city, INShape Indiana and FitCity encourages you to get up, get moving and incorporate healthy living into your life. FitCity is designed to educate and motivate local residents to make a healthy move and shake Indiana's title of the "tenth fattest state in the nation." To find fitness, nutrition or wellness resources around Indianapolis, local residents can log onto www.inshape.in.gov, www.fitcity.info or call 2-1-1.

THE CHILDREN'S COALITION OF INDIANA PRESENTS

Children's Policy Summer Series 2007

*Advocating for the
well-being
of children*

Mark your calendars now for a summer full of informative presentations and lively discussion on Indiana children's and youth policy. For more information about the series, please contact Mary Boggs at marybboggs@yahoo.com / 317.253.6305 or Kristen LaFace at kristen.laeace@uwci.org / 317.921.1264.

Friday, June 29, 2007

Topic: Legislative Session Wrap-Up

Join legislative fiscal analysts Erik Gonzales and Jeff Spaulding for an insider's view of the 2007 Indiana General Assembly, the new biennial budget, and what it means for Indiana's children.

Friday, July 13, 2007

Topic: Health Care Expansion Plan

Get the scoop from FSSA staff and consultants on what finally passed the legislature and what clients may expect.

Friday, August 3, 2007

Topic: A Day in the Life...of Youth in the "System"

Hear from youth themselves on how they experience the child welfare, TANF, and juvenile justice systems.

Friday, September 7, 2007

Topic: Educational Options in Indiana

Discuss and debate with proponents of traditional public education and alternative educational options.



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Time of all sessions: 12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m., bring your own brown bag lunch, drinks & dessert provided

Location of all sessions: United Way of Central Indiana
3901 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46208



Project-Based Learning and the Community

July 23 – July 27, 2007

People agree that “it takes a village to raise a child,” but how do you effectively engage the village? This workshop explores how K–12 teachers can use community-based learning to mobilize the assets of the community and improve students’ academic success.

Community partnerships improve student learning

Research supports that school-community partnerships lead to higher student achievement and greater child and family well-being. For students, the integration of school, family, and community reinforces learning that is wide and deep. In this workshop, we will discuss how community-based learning

- Aligns resources and relationships to achieve specific results.
- Creates a unified, community-wide network of expectation and support for students achieving high standards.
- Addresses the out-of-school issues that educators know interfere with learning.
- Builds social capital for children and families so that basic physical, emotional, health, and economic needs are met.

This workshop will help you identify and mobilize the assets of the community

The community provides a rich resource for curricular, experiential, and evaluation needs. This workshop will help teachers and community partners begin designing a community-based project and rubric to evaluate student learning. We will

- Investigate the resources of the community.
- Align the specific academic standards with community-based projects.
- Identify prospective community partners in business sectors, local government, and non-profit and faith-based organizations.
- Discuss ways to involve community partners in the learning process, such as with planning project-based learning, developing evaluation and authentic assessment, mentoring and tutoring, offering parent skill-building, and creating opportunities for student job shadowing and internships and teacher externships.

By the end of the workshop, educators will have the tools and partnerships to implement community-based projects aligned to state standards.

Teachers are encouraged to register with a local community partner—e.g. director of local United Way member agency, Chamber of Commerce, local business, government, or youth-serving or faith-based organization. If you need assistance connecting with a community partner, please contact Claire King (cljking@indiana.edu).

CRUs, CEUs, and Graduate Credit

Continuing renewal units (CRUs) and continuing education units (CEUs) are now available at no additional cost to workshop participants. Please indicate during the online registration if you are hoping to acquire any of these; we will provide documentation at the end of the workshop for your records. This workshop may be taken for graduate credit, which is available at an additional cost. Please visit the Web site at <http://p16education.indiana.edu> for more information and to register online for credit.

▶ Register online by July 6th at <http://p16education.indiana.edu>

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| Dates: | July 23 – July 27, 2007 |
| Time: | 9:30 – 12:00, 1:00 – 3:30. An additional 10 hours is required in teachers’ local settings. |
| Credit: | CRUs, CEUs, and graduate credit available |
| Fees: | Underwritten by the IU Center for Research and P–16 Collaboration |
| Housing: | Available on Bloomington campus |
| Contact: | Claire King (cljking@indiana.edu) |

Scholarships for Community Partners available.